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Gastrointestinal Inflammation

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REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW AS  
ATTORNEY OF RECORD (37 C.F.R. § 10.40(c))

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The undersigned attorney, on behalf of himself and the other attorneys of record, who are members or associates in the firm of O'MELVENY & MYERS LLP, or who were so listed at the time of their appointment, and on behalf of any attorneys appointed by any of the attorneys on whose behalf this petition is filed, requests the approval of the Commissioner to withdraw as attorneys of record.

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This application has been assigned by the Applicants to Digital Gene Technologies, Inc. (Reel/Frame Number: 012761/0780). The present mailing address of the Assignee is:

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Items pertinent to the request for withdrawal are set forth below.

1. Basis For Withdrawal Request. The basis for the request for withdrawal is 37 C.F.R. 10.40(c)(1)(vi), failure to pay bills rendered by the attorneys of record for an unreasonable period of time.
2. Notification Of Client: In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(a), copies of this request are being sent to the Applicant.

At least thirty (30) days remain for the Applicant to take any action due in this case or an appropriate request for extension of time accompanies this request seeking additional time. The attorneys on whose behalf this petition is filed will ensure that the Applicant has sufficient time after approval of this request to reply or employ another to reply to any outstanding requirement of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

3. Number Of Copies Of Request. This request is enclosed in triplicate.

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Further communications regarding this application should be directed to the Assignee at the following address:

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Signature of the authorized attorney on behalf of himself and the other attorneys of record of the withdrawing firm, O'Melveny & Myers LLP.

Respectfully submitted,



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